

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. J. Worthington appeared in the house.

On the second reading the bill respecting the punishment of criminals, the question was put, That the house reconsider the clause in the said bill respecting the whipping of females? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following words be struck out of the said bill? "And whipped not exceeding fifteen lashes." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the amendments proposed? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. W. Thomas, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Plater,	Hawkins,	King,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	Van Lear,
Lloyd,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Dattin,	O'Bryon,	Prall,	Crabb,
Tilghman,	Howard,	Waggaman,	Barnes,	Montgomery,	R. Wootton,
Harwood,	Cox,	Hollingsworth,	Seney,	Driver,	Bayard,
Brogden,	Kerr,	R. Bond,	Whittington,	M'Mechen,	Tomlinson,
Ridout,	Goldsbrough,	Ward,	Houston,	Swearingen,	Simkins. 40.
Freeland,	Denwood,	Ewing,	J. Bond,		
N E G A T I V E.					
W. Thomas,	Mackall,	T. Worthington,	Bowie,	Douglafs,	Oneale. 10.
Kilgour,	J. Thomas,	Frazier,	T. Wootton,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments proposed. In the 13th line of the 10th page, from the word "confined," strike out the words "and whipped not exceeding fifteen lashes." After the 9th line from the top of the 24th page insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That so much of the act, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the establishment of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, as imposes the levying and collection of a tax on the dwelling-houses, store-houses and warehouses, in said town, for the purposes therein mentioned, shall be and is hereby continued until the thirtieth day of October next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said justices of Baltimore county criminal court, to again levy the said tax, under the same regulation of the said act, and to direct the collection and appropriation as mentioned in the said act."

Sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of the securities of Thomas Williams, by the clerk.

Mr. Loockerman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Timmons, of Worcester county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and think this one of those grievances which it was intended the laws of civil society should redress, and are therefore of opinion that a divorce ought to be granted to the petitioner. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Van Lear, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel and Samuel Hughes, of Washington county, have taken the same into consideration, and find, that large tracts of vacant lands on the South Mountain, in said county, lay contiguous to the iron-works of the petitioners; that the same is of little or no value, except for the timber growing thereon, which is daily destroyed by the persons holding the adjoining lands; it appearing to the committee that in a few years the state will be deprived of so good a sale thereof by its being deprived of the timber, they are of opinion it would be advantageous to the state to appoint persons to sell the same, or so much thereof as can be sold, to the said Daniel and Samuel Hughes. The committee find, that the iron-works in the state of Pennsylvania have a considerable advantage over the works of the said petitioners, on account of the owners thereof having it in their power to supply their works with wood cheaper than your petitioners, by taking the land adjoining at six-pence per acre; the encouragement of the manufactories of this state appear to the committee to be consistent with good policy. For these reasons the committee are of opinion a law ought to pass pursuant to the prayer of said petitioners.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hayman Nicholls, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Norwood, of Baltimore county, have had the same under their consideration, and after examining the subject matter of the said petition, and hearing witnesses upon the subject generally, are of opinion, the fine imposed by the criminal